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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - 1992 = 100
January 2002 Release

CPI by Component	Nova Scotia			Canada		
	Jan. 2002 Index	% Change from. Dec. 2001	% Change from Jan.'01	Jan. 2002 Index	% Change from Dec. 2001	% Change from Jan.'01
All Items	115.8	0.1	0.4	116.2	0.3	1.3
Food	119.0	1.2	3.7	120.0	1.2	4.6
Shelter	114.4	-0.3	-2.3	112.7	0.1	1.5
Household Operations & Furnishings	109.9	-0.2	1.6	112.9	-0.1	2.2
Clothing & Footwear	112.1	0.4	-0.7	102.3	-1.4	-2.4
Transportation	122.7	-0.6	-4.7	126.9	0.7	-3.3
Health & Personal Care	112.7	-0.5	1.0	114.3	-0.2	1.1
Recreation, Education & Reading	122.8	0.0	2.6	122.3	-0.5	0.7
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	112.5	0.2	18.5	112.2	0.3	13.1
Energy	*113.4*	*-0.6*	*-14.7*	*120.8*	*1.4*	*-7.7*

HIGHLIGHTS

Cities

! Halifax Metro's January 2002 all-items CPI index of 115.3 (1992=100) was up 0.1% from last month and increased by 0.9% on a year over year basis.

Nova Scotia

! Nova Scotia's overall monthly price index increased 0.1% in January; it increased 0.4% over January 2001.

! Notable increases for the previous month were recorded for:
-fresh vegetables (+16.8%), fresh fruit (+3.7%)
-non-alcoholic beverages (+7.6%)
-footwear (+2.4%); men's clothing (+2.1%)
-other recreational services (+0.8%)
-food purchased from restaurants (+0.4%)

! Since last month offsetting price declines of particular note included:
-household textiles (-7.0%)
-inter-city transportation (-4.5%)
-recreational equipment & services excl. vehicles (-2.0%)
-fuel oil and other fuel (-1.6%)
-personal care supplies & equipment (-1.6%)
-gasoline (-0.6%)
-purchase & leasing of automotive vehicles (-0.4%)

Canada

! From December 2001 to January 2002, all-items CPI increased 0.3% in Canada; Canadians paid 1.3% more for the goods and services contained in the CPI basket than they did a year ago.

! Since last month higher prices contributing to the month-over-month increase included:
-fresh vegetables (+14.2%)–worst US harvests since 1974 continued to drive up prices
-automotive vehicle insurance premiums (+3.1%)–mostly because of increases in BC (+10.5%) and ON (+3.0%)
-gasoline (+2.5%)–gasoline prices were up in almost all areas except PE (-4.4%), NS (-0.6%) and Whitehorse (-2.2%)
-electricity (+1.7%)–mainly due to an 18.2% increase in the Alberta index due to the end of the $40 monthly credit that was granted AB customers in 2001

! Lower prices that moderated the rise included:
-travel tours (-10.1%)–January's demand is normally weaker
-clothing and footwear (-1.4%)–many items were still on sale

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March 21, 2002

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - 1992 = 100
February 2002 Release

CPI by Component	Nova Scotia			Canada		
	Feb. 2002 Index	% Change from. Jan. 2002	% Change from Feb.'01	Feb. 2002 Index	% Change from Jan. 2002	% Change from Feb.'01
All Items	116.4	0.5	0.8	116.9	0.6	1.5
Food	119.8	0.7	3.7	120.6	0.5	4.3
Shelter	115.0	0.5	-1.5	113.1	0.1	2.1
Household Operations & Furnishings	110.9	0.9	2.7	113.1	0.2	1.9
Clothing & Footwear	111.5	-0.5	-1.4	105.4	3.0	-1.0
Transportation	123.7	0.8	-3.9	127.5	0.5	-3.0
Health & Personal Care	113.0	0.3	1.1	114.8	0.4	1.1
Recreation, Education & Reading	123.8	0.8	2.7	124.1	1.5	1.0
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	112.2	-0.3	18.1	112.9	0.6	13.6
Energy	115.6	1.9	-12.0	122.4	0.5	-5.8

HIGHLIGHTS

Cities

! Halifax Metro's February 2002 all-items CPI index of 115.9 (1992=100) was up 0.5% from last month and increased by 1.2% on a year over year basis.

Nova Scotia

! Nova Scotia's overall monthly price index increased 0.5% in February; it increased 0.8% over February 2001.

! Notable increases for the previous month were recorded for:
-Fresh vegetables (+9.0%)
-Household textiles (+8.7%)
-Travel Services (+3.1%)
-Gasoline (+3.1%)
-Fuel Oil and other fuel (+2.9%)
-Processed Meat (+2.6%)
-Homeowner's maintenance and repairs (1.3%)

! Since last month offsetting price declines of particular note included:
-Fresh fruit (-4.9%)
-Footwear (-4.2%)
-Fresh or frozen beef (-2.2%)
-Non-alcoholic beverages (-0.9%)
-Cigarettes (-0.6%)
-Food purchased from restaurants (-0.2%)

Canada

! From January 2002 to February 2002, all-items CPI increased 0.6% in Canada; Canadians paid 1.5% more for the goods and services contained in the CPI basket than they did a year ago.

! Since last month higher prices contributing to the month-over-month increase included:
-Travel tours (+10.9%) - The same as seen every February since 1998
-Traveller accomodation (+5.3%) - Quebec registered the strongest rise of +10.6% due to the Quebec Winter Carnival
-Women's clothing (+4.6%) - Increases especially strong in Quebec, Ontario and Alberta
-Fresh vegetables (+4.1%) - Bad weather in the United States and Mexico partly to blame
-Gasoline (+1.4%)

! Lower prices that moderated the rise included:
-Fresh fruit (-4.3%) - Greater availability and diversified supply sources pushed down certain prices
-Mortgage interest cost (-0.5%) - Caused by dropping interest rates

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April 23, 2002

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - 1992 = 100
March 2002 Release

CPI by Component	Nova Scotia			Canada		
	Mar. 2002 Index	% Change from Feb. 2002	% Change from Mar.'01	Mar. 2002 Index	% Change from Feb. 2002	% Change from Mar.'01
All Items	117.1	0.6	1.3	117.7	0.7	1.8
Food	119.9	0.1	3.2	120.4	-0.2	3.3
Shelter	115.7	0.6	-0.5	113.1	3.0	1.1
Household Operations & Furnishings	110.8	-0.1	2.2	113.7	0.5	2.2
Clothing & Footwear	111.8	0.3	-2.8	107.1	1.6	-0.7
Transportation	125.7	1.6	-2.0	130.5	2.4	0.3
Health & Personal Care	113.1	0.1	1.4	114.5	-0.3	0.9
Recreation, Education & Reading	125.4	1.3	3.7	124.9	0.6	1.1
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	111.8	-0.4	17.7	114.1	1.1	14.8
Energy	*120.3*	*4.1*	*-7.6*	*127.2*	*3.9*	*-3.3*

HIGHLIGHTS

Cities

! Halifax Metro's March 2002 all-items CPI index of 116.5 (1992=100) was up 0.5% from last month and increased by 1.6% on a year over year basis.

Nova Scotia

! Nova Scotia's overall monthly price index increased 0.6% in March; it increased 1.3% over March 2001.

! Notable increases for the previous month were recorded for:
-children's clothing (+10.8%)
-travel services (+7.2%)
-gasoline (+6.2%)
-fuel oil and other fuel (+5.3%)
-non-alcoholic beverages (+2.7%)
-bakery products (+2.5%)
-fresh or frozen beef (+1.6%)

! Since last month offsetting price declines of particular note included:
-household textiles (-10.2%)
-fresh fruit (-3.6%); preserved fruit & fruit preparations (-3.0%)
-men's clothing (-2.9%)
-beer purchased from stores (-2.4%)
-fresh vegetables (-1.0%)
-cigarettes (-0.2%)

Canada

! From February 2002 to March 2002, all-items CPI increased 0.7% in Canada; Canadians paid 1.8% more for the goods and services contained in the CPI basket than they did a year ago.

! Since last month higher prices contributing to the month-over-month increase included:
-gasoline (+9.2%) Prairie provinces and British Columbia were most affected areas of Canada
-electricity (+2.8%) entirely due to the 8.0% price increase in Ontario
-lettuce (+41.8%) due to cold weather and frost affecting harvests in Arizona and California
-travel tours (+7.4%) high season for travel tours is comparable to increase in the same period last year
-cigarettes (+2.5%) due mainly to higher provincial sales taxes in Alberta (+17.2%), British Columbia (+9.9%) as well as increases in Saskatchewan, Newfoundland and Labrador and Prince Edward Island.

! Lower prices that moderated the rise included:
-natural gas (-7.3%) due to payment received by some northern Alberta consumers.

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May 22, 2002

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - 1992 = 100
April 2002 Release

	Nova Scotia			Canada		
CPI by Component	**Apr. 2002 Index**	**% Change from. Mar. 2002**	**% Change from Apr.'01**	**Apr. 2002 Index**	**% Change from Mar. 2002**	**% Change from Apr.'01**
All Items	118.9	1.5	2.1	118.4	0.6	1.7
Food	120.3	0.3	3.8	120.9	0.4	3.3
Shelter	116.7	0.9	0.5	112.8	-0.3	0.3
Household Operations & Furnishings	110.0	-0.7	1.4	113.9	0.2	1.7
Clothing & Footwear	113.5	1.5	-4.3	106.6	-0.5	0.1
Transportation	132.6	5.5	1.8	133.8	2.5	1.3
Health & Personal Care	112.7	-0.4	1.0	115.3	0.7	1.1
Recreation, Education & Reading	125.7	0.2	3.5	124.7	-0.2	0.6
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	116.2	3.9	13.6	116.8	2.4	13.1
Energy	*128.0*	*6.4*	*-2.7*	*129.4*	*1.7*	*-5.1*

HIGHLIGHTS

Cities

! Halifax Metro's April 2002 all-items CPI index of 118.2 (1992=100) was up 1.5 % from last month and increased by 2.2% on a year over year basis.

Nova Scotia

! Nova Scotia's overall monthly price index increased 1.5% in April; it increased 2.1% over April 2001.

! Notable increases from the previous month were recorded for:
-Automotive vehicle insurance premiums (+18.7%)
-Gasoline (+11.2%)
-Fuel oil and other fuel (+6.2%)
-Cigarettes (+4.9%)
-Inter-city transportation (+4.1%)
-Men's clothing (+2.4%)
-Automotive vehicle parts, maintenance and repairs (+2.1%)

! Since last month offsetting price declines of particular note included:
-Furniture (-10.0%)
-Sugar and confectionary (-4.0%)
-Personal care supplies and equipment (-2.1%)
-Non-alcoholic beverages (-1.7%)
-Processed meat (-1.1%)
-Home entertainment equipment and services (-0.9%)
-Purchase and leasing of automotive vehicles (-0.4%)

Canada

! From March 2002 to April 2002, the all-items CPI increased 0.6% in Canada; Canadians paid 1.7% more for the goods and services contained in the CPI basket than they did a year ago.

! Since last month higher prices contributing to the month-over-month increase included:
-Gasoline (+6.8%) - accounted for half of the All Items increase
-Cigarettes (+4.0%) - increases seen mainly in Alberta (+22.5%) and Saskatchewan (+27.4%)
-Air transportation (+4.8%) - mostly caused by the new Air Traveller Security Charge
-New vehicles (+1.0%) - mainly in Quebec (+1.4%) and Ontario (+1.3%)

! Lower prices that moderated the rise included:
-Natural gas (-12.9%) -the sixth consecutive monthly decline
-Lettuce (-29.8%) - after rising considerably in March, the price fell due to improved weather conditions in California and Arizona

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June 14, 2002

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - 1992 = 100
May 2002 Release

CPI by Component	Nova Scotia			Canada		
	May 2002 Index	% Change from Apr. 2002	% Change from May'01	May 2002 Index	% Change from Apr. 2002	% Change from May'01
All Items	120.0	0.9	2.6	118.6	0.2	1.0
Food	120.0	-0.2	3.6	120.4	-0.4	2.1
Shelter	116.7	0.0	0.1	113.1	0.3	-0.6
Household Operations & Furnishings	110.2	0.2	1.4	113.8	-0.1	1.4
Clothing & Footwear	113.2	-0.3	-2.0	104.6	-1.9	-0.3
Transportation	136.4	2.9	3.2	134.1	0.2	0.1
Health & Personal Care	113.8	1.0	1.6	115.7	0.3	1.1
Recreation, Education & Reading	127.8	1.7	4.2	126.8	1.7	1.2
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	122.9	5.8	18.5	118.8	1.7	12.9
Energy	*126.7*	*-1.0*	*-6.1*	*128.4*	*-0.8*	*-10.5*

HIGHLIGHTS

Cities

! Halifax Metro's May 2002 all-items CPI index of 119.4 (1992=100) was up 1.0% from last month and increased by 2.8% on a year over year basis.

Nova Scotia

! Nova Scotia's overall monthly price index increased 0.9% in May; it increased 2.6% over May 2001.

! Notable increases for the previous month were recorded for:
-automotive vehicle insurance premiums (+20.7%)
-automotive vehicle registration fees (+16.8)
-travel services (+10.2%)
-cigarettes (+8.4%)
-fresh fruit (+4.9%)
-inter-city transportation (+3.1%)

! Since last month offsetting price declines of particular note included:
-fresh vegetables (-2.6%); non-alcoholic beverages (-2.6%)
-bakery products (-1.8%)
-women's clothing (-1.6%)
-fuel oil and other fuel (-1.5%)
-gasoline (-1.4%)
-food purchased from restaurants (-0.6%)

Canada

! From April 2002 to May 2002, all-items CPI increased 0.2% in Canada; Canadians paid 1.0% more for the goods and services contained in the CPI basket than they did a year ago.

! Since last month the main upward pressures on the month-over-month increase included:
-traveller accommodation (+10.7%) - high season rates in some hotels and increased demand during May long weekend
-cigarettes (+2.8%) - higher retail prices and sales tax increases that took effect in April in Nova Scotia and Manitoba

! Lower prices that moderated the rise included:
-fresh vegetables (-7.3%) - increase in supply
-gasoline (-1.8%) - partly due to weak world demand along with a relatively low price of oil per barrel.

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July 23, 2002

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - 1992 = 100
June 2002 Release

CPI by Component	Nova Scotia			Canada		
	June 2002 Index	**% Change from May 2002**	**% Change from June'01**	**June 2002 Index**	**% Change from May 2002**	**% Change from June'01**
All Items	120.1	0.1	2.6	119.0	0.3	1.3
Food	120.1	0.1	3.2	120.9	0.4	2.4
Shelter	116.8	0.1	0.2	113.1	0.0	-1.0
Household Operations & Furnishings	111.7	1.4	1.8	114.0	0.2	1.4
Clothing & Footwear	109.1	-3.6	-3.9	104.2	-0.4	-0.3
Transportation	136.2	-0.1	4.4	134.0	-0.1	0.8
Health & Personal Care	113.9	0.1	1.9	115.9	0.2	0.9
Recreation, Education & Reading	127.8	0.0	2.4	127.2	0.3	1.3
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	125.6	2.2	20.2	124.1	4.5	17.7
Energy	*126.5*	*-0.2*	*-3.9*	*127.0*	*-1.1*	*-10.4*

HIGHLIGHTS

Cities

! Halifax Metro's June 2002 all-items CPI index of 119.4 (1992=100) was unchanged from last month and increased by 2.8% on a year over year basis.

Nova Scotia

! Nova Scotia's overall monthly price index increased 0.1% in June; it increased 2.6% over June 2001.

! Notable increases for the previous month were recorded for:
-furniture (+10.5%)
-fresh vegetables (+5.2%)
-household textiles (+3.8%)
-cigarettes (+3.1%)
-processed meat (+2.0%)
-travel services (+1.9%)
-food purchased from restaurants (+0.4%)

! Since last month offsetting price declines of particular note included:
-fresh fruit (-6.5%)
-men's clothing (-4.6%); women's clothing (-4.0%); footwear (-3.8%); children's clothing (-3.6%)
-fresh or frozen beef (-2.6%)
-gasoline (-0.4%)

Canada

! From May 2002 to June 2002, all-items CPI increased 0.3% in Canada; Canadians paid 1.3% more for the goods and services contained in the CPI basket than they did a year ago.

! Since last month higher prices contributing to the month-over-month increase included:
-cigarette taxes (Quebec, Ontario and New Brunswick raised their provincial cigarette tax by $5 per carton June 18 and federal excise tax was increased by $3.50 per carton in all provinces)
-traveller accommodation (arrival of the high season for tourism)
-potatoes (+16.0% in June–this time of year inventories from last year run low and new potatoes are not on market yet)

! Lower prices that moderated the rise included:
-electricity (1.8% decline in index entirely the result of a 5.0% drop in prices in Ontario reflecting changes resulting from the opening of the Ontario market to independent distributors May 1)
-gasoline (-0.9% due to lower prices in Eastern and Central Canada partly neutralized by increases in the West)

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August 21, 2002

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - 1992 = 100
July 2002 Release

CPI by Component	Nova Scotia			Canada		
	July 2002 Index	**% Change from. June 2002**	**% Change from July'01**	**July 2002 Index**	**% Change from June 2002**	**% Change from July'01**
All Items	120.8	0.6	3.5	119.6	0.5	2.1
Food	121.0	0.7	4.0	120.9	0.0	1.9
Shelter	116.6	-0.2	-0.1	113.2	0.1	-0.4
Household Operations & Furnishings	111.6	-0.1	1.5	114.2	0.2	1.6
Clothing & Footwear	112.5	3.1	-0.4	105.0	0.8	-0.8
Transportation	136.8	0.4	6.6	135.4	1.0	3.8
Health & Personal Care	113.4	-0.4	2.0	115.4	-0.4	0.5
Recreation, Education & Reading	129.1	1.0	3.1	128.4	0.9	1.7
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	128.5	2.3	23.0	129.5	4.4	22.5
Energy	*127.1*	*0.5*	*-0.7*	*129.0*	*1.6*	*-3.1*

HIGHLIGHTS

Cities

! Halifax Metro's July 2002 all-items CPI index of 120.1(1992=100) was up 0.6% from last month and increased by 3.6% on a year over year basis.

Nova Scotia

! Nova Scotia's overall monthly price index increased 0.6% in July; it increased 3.5% over July 2001.

! Notable increases from the previous month were recorded for:
-inter-city transportation (+7.6%)
-travel services (+6.1%)
-women's clothing (+4.6%), men's clothing (+4.3%)
-fresh or frozen beef (+3.9%)
-cigarettes (+3.4%)
-gasoline (+1.1%)

! Offsetting price declines of particular note since last month included:
-household textiles (-3.1%)
-coffee and tea (-2.8%)
-fresh or frozen pork (-1.9%)
-cheese (-1.5%)
-homeowners' maintenance & repairs (-1.4%)
-personal care supplies & equipment (-0.9%)
-purchase and leasing of automotive vehicles (-0.6%)

Canada

! From June 2002 to July 2002, all-items CPI increased 0.5% in Canada; Canadians paid 2.1% more for the goods and services contained in the CPI basket than they did a year ago.

! Since last month higher prices contributing to the month-over-month increase included:
-air transportation (+8.4%) - domestic, transatlantic and transpacific flights had the most marked effect on the index, largely due to peak season travel
-cigarettes (+7.5%) - reflecting higher federal and provincial taxes introduced in mid-June as well as an increase imposed by the Yukon government July 1
-traveller accommodation (+6.8%) - common experience in July (NB experienced the highest increase at +11.0%)
-electricity (+3.2%) - attributed almost entirely to the 9.2% increase in prices in Ontario
-gasoline (+2.8%) - price increases ranged from 0.3% in Yellowknife to 4.7% in Quebec, but were down in PEI (-1.1%) and Nfld. (-0.2%)

! Lower prices that moderated the rise included:
-natural gas (-5.7%) - lower wholesale prices for natural gas primarily in Ontario and Alberta
-new automotive vehicles (-1.2%) - mainly due to manufacturers' rebates and discounts offered by dealers on some models -discounts partly intended to reduce stocks in preparation for arrival of 2003 models in the fall

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September 20, 2002

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - 1992 = 100
August 2002 Release

CPI by Component	Nova Scotia			Canada		
	Aug. 2002 Index	**% Change from. July 2002**	**% Change from Aug.'01**	**Aug. 2002 Index**	**% Change from July 2002**	**% Change from Aug.'01**
All Items	120.7	-0.1	3.6	120.1	0.4	2.6
Food	120.5	-0.4	4.3	120.2	-0.6	2.1
Shelter	116.8	0.2	0.0	114.2	0.9	0.4
Household Operations & Furnishings	111.7	0.1	1.7	114.3	0.1	1.6
Clothing & Footwear	106.4	-5.4	-5.5	105.0	0.0	-1.5
Transportation	138.9	1.5	8.6	137.0	1.2	4.7
Health & Personal Care	113.1	-0.3	1.0	115.6	0.2	1.2
Recreation, Education & Reading	129.2	0.1	3.2	128.5	0.1	1.8
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	129.3	0.6	22.9	129.8	0.2	22.0
Energy	*129.0*	*1.5*	*1.3*	*133.4*	*3.4*	*0.0*

HIGHLIGHTS

Cities

! Halifax Metro's August 2002 all-items CPI index of 120.0 (1992=100) fell 0.1% from last month and increased by 3.7% on a year over year basis.

Nova Scotia

! Nova Scotia's overall monthly price index declined 0.1% in August; it increased 3.6% over August 2001.

! Notable decreases from the previous month were recorded for:
-fresh vegetables (-12.9%); fresh fruit (-2.4%)
-women's clothing (-9.3%); men's clothing (-5.4%); children's clothing (-5.0%); clothing accessories & jewellery (-2.8%); footwear (-2.2%)

! Since last month offsetting price increases of particular note included:
-served alcoholic beverages (+4.0%)
-automotive vehicle insurance premiums (+3.3%)
-gasoline (+3.3%)
-fresh or frozen poultry meat (+2.3%)
-inter-city transportation (+1.9%)
-fresh milk (+1.6%)
-food purchased from restaurants (+0.6%)

Canada

! From July 2002 to August 2002, all-items CPI increased 0.4% in Canada; Canadians paid 2.6% more for the goods and services contained in the CPI basket than they did a year ago.

! Since last month higher prices contributing to the month-over-month increase included:
-electricity (+6.8%)–largest monthly increase since January 1991, entirely attributable to the 18.3% rise in Ontario prices where electricity is now sold on an open market and record heat pushed demand up in August
-gasoline (+2.5%)–widespread increase in prices across Canada
-automotive vehicle insurance premiums (+2.6%)–main influence in increase was price hikes in Quebec, Alberta and Ontario

! Lower prices that moderated the rise included:
-fresh vegetables (-13.8%)–increased supply as a result of summertime and local availability

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October 23, 2002

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - 1992 = 100
September 2002 Release

	Nova Scotia			Canada		
CPI by Component	**Sept. 2002 Index**	**% Change from. Aug. 2002**	**% Change from Sept.'01**	**Sept. 2002 Index**	**% Change from Aug. 2002**	**% Change from Sept.'01**
All Items	121.2	0.4	3.4	120.1	0.0	2.3
Food	118.9	-1.3	2.6	119.2	-0.8	2.0
Shelter	118.4	1.4	1.4	114.6	0.4	1.1
Household Operations & Furnishings	110.9	-0.7	0.6	113.8	-0.4	0.5
Clothing & Footwear	111.3	4.6	-4.8	107.3	2.2	-0.6
Transportation	138.5	-0.3	7.3	136.8	-0.1	2.9
Health & Personal Care	113.7	0.5	0.9	115.7	0.1	1.3
Recreation, Education & Reading	131.2	1.5	4.3	128.7	0.2	2.1
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	129.3	0.0	22.9	129.9	0.1	22.0
Energy	*131.4*	*1.9*	*2.5*	*134.6*	*0.9*	*-1.8*

HIGHLIGHTS

Cities

! Halifax Metro's September 2002 all-items CPI index of 120.4 (1992=100) was up 0.3% from last month and increased by 3.4 % on a year over year basis.

Nova Scotia

! Nova Scotia's overall monthly price index increased 0.4% in September; it increased 3.4% over September 2001.

! Notable increases for the previous month were recorded for:
-women's clothing (+10.2%)
-fuel oil and other fuel (+8.0%)
-tuition fees (+7.1%)
-footwear (+4.0%)
-non-alcoholic beverages (+4.0%)
-homeowners' maintenance & repairs (+3.3%)
-fresh fruit (+2.9%)

! Since last month offsetting price declines of particular note included:
-fresh vegetables (-18.2%); fresh or frozen pork (-9.9%); fresh or frozen poultry meat (-2.7%)
-furniture (-8.5%)
-inter-city transportation (-3.4%)
-travel services (-1.5%)
-gasoline (-0.4%)

Canada

! From August 2002 to September 2002, all-items CPI was unchanged in Canada; Canadians paid 2.3% more for the goods and services contained in the CPI basket than they did a year ago.

! Since last month higher prices were noted in:
-women's clothing (+4.1%) - new fall line items
-tuition fees (+4.8%) - rise was among the lowest in the past fifteen years; however tuition fees doubled over the last ten years; in 2002, average tuition fee increases varied from 0.2% for Quebec residents to 21.1% for B.C.–fees only fell for Newfoundland & Labrador (-6.1%)
-natural gas (+5.2%) - result of price increases in Alberta

! Lower prices included:
-fresh vegetables (-12.4%) - ongoing supply of local products
-traveller accommodations (-5.4%) - end of summer tourist season
-air transportation (-3.9%) - largely attributable to move from high season prices to intermediate season prices on transatlantic & transpacific routes

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November 21, 2002

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - 1992 = 100
October 2002 Release

	Nova Scotia			Canada		
CPI by Component	**Oct. 2002 Index**	**% Change from. Sept. 2002**	**% Change from Oct.'01**	**Oct. 2002 Index**	**% Change from Sept. 2002**	**% Change from Oct.'01**
All Items	122.0	0.7	4.8	120.5	0.3	3.2
Food	118.7	-0.2	2.6	118.5	-0.6	1.5
Shelter	119.5	0.9	2.8	115.8	1.0	1.9
Household Operations & Furnishings	112.0	1.0	1.4	113.9	0.1	0.8
Clothing & Footwear	113.3	1.8	-1.4	107.1	-0.2	-0.1
Transportation	140.4	1.4	11.2	137.9	0.8	5.8
Health & Personal Care	113.1	-0.5	0.4	116.2	0.4	1.0
Recreation, Education & Reading	130.3	-0.7	4.2	127.7	-0.8	2.6
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	131.2	1.5	25.1	131.2	1.0	22.8
Energy	*134.0*	*2.0*	*9.2*	*138.4*	*2.8*	*5.6*

HIGHLIGHTS

Cities

! Halifax Metro's October 2002 all-items CPI index of 121.1 (1992=100) was up 0.6% from last month and increased by 4.7 % on a year over year basis.

Nova Scotia

! Nova Scotia's overall monthly price index increased 0.7% in October; it increased 4.8% over October 2001.

! Notable increases for the previous month were recorded for:
-furniture (+6.2%)
-automotive vehicle insurance premiums (+5.5%)
-men's clothing (+4.0%)
-fuel oil and other fuel (+3.7%)
-property taxes (including special charges) (+3.2%)
-gasoline (+2.2%)
-cigarettes (+2.0)

! Since last month offsetting price declines of particular note included:
-non-alcoholic beverages (-11.5%)
-travel services (-9.3%)
-sugar & confectionery (-6.7%)
-footwear (-2.3%)
-inter-city transportation (-1.9%)
-processed meat (-1.7%)
-personal care supplies & equipment (-1.3%)

Canada

! From September 2002 to October, all-items CPI increased 0.3% in Canada; Canadians paid 3.2% more for the goods and services contained in the CPI basket than they did a year ago.

! Since last month higher prices contributing to the month-over-month increase included:
-main upward pressure–increase in natural gas prices (+18.5%)–result of price increases in Ontario & Alberta
-automotive vehicle insurance premiums (+3.1%)–especially under the influence of price increases in Quebec, Ontario & Newfoundland
-property taxes (+2.2%)–increases in every province ranging from +7.6% in Newfoundland and Labrador to +0.3% in Manitoba, while Nova Scotia's increase was +3.2%
-gasoline (+1.6%)–increase noted in all provinces with the exception of the Prairie provinces where they decreased and in Whitehorse and Yellowknife where they remained stable.

! Lower prices that moderated the rise included:
-traveller accommodation (-10.9%)–weaker demand mostly in large urban centres
-electricity (-2.6%)–largest monthly decrease observed since February 2001. The October drop was entirely attributed to a 6.5% drop in Ontario prices where the sale of electricity on an open market is making prices more volatile.

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December 20, 2002

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - 1992 = 100
November 2002 Release

CPI by Component	Nova Scotia Nov. 2002 Index	Nova Scotia % Change from. Oct. 2002	Nova Scotia % Change from Nov.'01	Canada Nov. 2002 Index	Canada % Change from Oct. 2002	Canada % Change from Nov.'01
All Items	122.5	0.4	5.5	120.8	0.2	4.3
Food	120.2	1.3	2.9	120.4	1.6	2.6
Shelter	120.0	0.4	3.7	115.7	-0.1	3.3
Household Operations & Furnishings	112.2	0.2	1.7	114.0	0.1	1.2
Clothing & Footwear	114.4	1.0	0.1	105.2	-1.8	0.0
Transportation	141.0	0.4	14.0	139.2	0.9	9.7
Health & Personal Care	113.4	0.3	0.6	116.2	0.0	1.3
Recreation, Education & Reading	128.8	-1.2	4.5	126.7	-0.8	2.8
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	131.2	0.0	17.4	131.9	0.5	18.1
Energy	*133.8*	*-0.1*	*14.5*	*136.2*	*-1.6*	*14.0*

HIGHLIGHTS

Cities

! Halifax Metro's November 2002 all-items CPI index of 121.5 (1992=100) was up 0.3 % from last month and increased by 5.2% on a year over year basis.

Nova Scotia

! Nova Scotia's overall monthly price index increased 0.4% in November; it increased 5.5% over November 2001.

! Notable increases from the previous month were recorded for:
-fresh vegetables (+9.7%)
-non-alcoholic beverages (+9.4%)
-bakery products (+3.7%)
-purchase and leasing of automotive vehicles (+2.8%)
-men's clothing (+2.1%)
-fuel oil and other fuel (+2.0%)
-food purchased from restaurants (+1.0%)

! Since last month offsetting price declines of particular note included:
-travel services (-8.6%)
-children's clothing (-4.0%)
-inter-city transportation (-3.3%)
-gasoline (-1.5%)
-fresh fruit (-1.5%)
-fresh or frozen beef (-0.6%)
-other household goods and services (-0.4%)

Canada

! From October 2002 to November 2002, all-items CPI increased 0.2% in Canada; Canadians paid 4.3% more for the goods and services contained in the CPI basket than they did a year ago.

! Since last month upward pressures on the CPI included higher prices for:
-automotive vehicles (+2.6%)–in index for purchase of auto vehicles reflecting arrival of new models; discounts offered by dealers were smaller for the new 2003 models than they were in recent months for the 2002 models
-fresh vegetables (+18.6%)–as imports were brought in to compensate for the reduction in local stock
-automotive vehicle insurance premiums (+3.2%)–mainly resulting from rate increases in Ontario, Alberta and New Brunswick
-bakery products (+3.9%)–the largest monthly increase since January 1979; resulted from rise over past three months in the price of wheat

! Lower prices that moderated the rise included:
-traveller accommodations (-8.3%)–off-season rates
-gasoline (-1.8%)–largest decreases were observed in Saskatchewan (-5.0%) and Quebec (-4.0%) while Manitoba posted the largest increase (+4.1%)
-women's clothing (-3.6%)–reduced prices on a wide variety of fall clothing
-electricity index (-2.2%)–entirely due to a 5.8% drop in prices in Ontario

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January 22, 2003

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - 1992 = 100
December 2002 Release

CPI by Component	Nova Scotia Dec. 2002 Index	Nova Scotia % Change from Nov. 2002	Nova Scotia % Change from Dec.'01	Canada Dec. 2002 Index	Canada % Change from Nov. 2002	Canada % Change from Dec.'01
All Items	121.7	-0.7	5.2	120.4	-0.3	3.9
Food	120.0	-0.2	2.0	121.2	0.7	2.2
Shelter	120.3	0.3	4.8	114.0	-1.5	1.2
Household Operations & Furnishings	110.8	-1.2	0.6	114.0	0.0	0.9
Clothing & Footwear	106.7	-6.7	-4.4	102.3	-2.8	-1.4
Transportation	141.8	0.6	14.9	140.1	0.6	11.2
Health & Personal Care	113.0	-0.4	-0.3	116.1	-0.1	1.4
Recreation, Education & Reading	126.7	-1.6	3.2	126.0	-0.6	2.5
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	131.1	-0.1	16.7	131.6	-0.2	17.6
Energy	*133.7*	*-0.1*	*17.2*	*127.6*	*-6.3*	*7.1*

HIGHLIGHTS

Cities

! Halifax Metro's December 2002 all-items CPI index of 120.8(1992=100) was down 0.6% from last month and increased by 4.9% on a year over year basis.

Nova Scotia

! Nova Scotia's overall monthly price index fell 0.7% in December; it increased 5.2% over December 2001. **In 2002 the annual average All-items CPI in Nova Scotia increased 3.0%, up from the 1.8% reported in 2001.**

! Notable declines for the previous month were recorded for:
-non-alcoholic beverages (-24.2%)
-children's clothing (-10.7%); women's clothing (-10.5%); men's clothing (-6.3%)
-furniture (-5.4%)
-recreational equipment & services (excluding vehicles) (-3.5%)
-gasoline (-1.3%)

! Since last month offsetting price increases of particular note included:
-fresh vegetables (+16.2%)
-automotive vehicle insurance premiums (+5.5%)
-electricity (+3.1%)
-processed meat (+1.5%)
-inter-city transportation (+1.4%)
-bakery products (+0.9%)

Canada

! From November 2002 to December 2002, all-items CPI declined 0.3% in Canada; Canadians paid 3.9% more for the goods and services contained in the CPI basket than they did a year ago. **In 2002 the annual average All-items CPI increased 2.2% in Canada, down from the 2.6% observed for 2001.**

! Since last month lower prices contributing to the month-over-month increase included:
-electricity (-18.7%)–almost 50% decline in Ontario's electricity index as Ontario government set price of electricity at 4.3 cents/Kwh and makes provision for refunds in excess of that amount retroactive to May 2002
-clothing prices (-3.6%)–pre-Christmas sales; declines were noted in all provinces
-gasoline (-2.6%)–lower gasoline prices in all provinces with declines ranging from 1.3% in NS to 7.6% in MN

! Increased prices that moderated the rise included:
-automotive vehicle insurance premiums (+6.2%)–now tracking insurance premiums for a 1999 automotive vehicle model instead of a 1998 model
-fresh vegetables (+5.0%)–mainly due to leap of 25.9% in price of tomatoes resulting from limited supply because of poor weather affecting Florida crops